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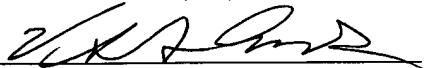
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SUTURE HOLES
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2004, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and comments. Claims 39-56 remain pending.